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Honorable James H. Welsh,
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Alternate Unit Well
Upper Hosston Formation
U HOSS SUB &
Proposed Unit Well
Pettet Zone
PET SUB
West Arcadia Field
Bienville Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY**, (Applicant), to the Commissioner of Conservation for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Upper Hosston Formation and the Pettet Zone, West Arcadia Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

FOR THE UPPER HOSSTON FORMATION:

1. To permit the Applicant to drill, designate and utilize their Lakeway Development et al No. 2 Well as an alternate unit well, in exception to the spacing provisions of the 692 Series of Office of Conservation Orders, for the production of gas and condensate for the Upper Hosston Formation, West Arcadia Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, in the unit designated HOSS SUB, such unit and wells shown on the attached plat and made a part hereof.
2. To find that an alternate unit well is needed on the U HOSS SUB to assist in the efficient and effective drainage of the Upper Hosston Formation that cannot be drained by any other well located therein.
3. To permit the unit operator to produce the assigned unit allowable from the unit well, the alternate unit well or from a combination thereof at its discretion.

FOR THE PETTET ZONE:

1. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize their Lakeway Development et al No. 2 Well as a unit well for the PET SUB, in exception to the spacing provisions of the 692 Series of Office of Conservation Orders, for the production of gas and condensate from the Pettet Zone, West Arcadia Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, such unit and well shown on the attached plat and made a part hereof.
2. To find that a unit well at the location shown on the attached plat will efficiently and effectively drain the Pettet Zone beneath the unit designated PET SUB.

FOR THE UPPER HOSSTON FORMATION AND THE PETTET ZONE:

1. To consider and cover such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem pertinent and appropriate.

The Upper Hosston Formation in the West Arcadia Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 692, effective April 1, 1965 and as amended by Order No. 692-A-14, effective November 16, 1999.

The Pettet Zone in the West Arcadia Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 692-B, effective April 1, 1966.

The pertinent data pertaining to this application is available for inspection at the Offices of B. F. Anderson, 400 Travis Street, Suite 209, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101-3110. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call B. F. Anderson at 318/425-4230 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent, that is otherwise not available from the Office of Conservation, can be obtained **at the expense of the requesting party.**

The subject matter of this application does not require a pre-hearing conference.

Attached hereto and made a part of, are plats showing the applicant's proposal and a list of the names and addresses of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom this application is being furnished. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, the list of parties is being furnished to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Office of Conservation. The list of parties will be provided to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and the Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Hon. James H. Welsh

West Arcadia Field

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Our check, made payable to the Office of Conservation, is attached to cover the applicable hearing fee.

Yours very truly,

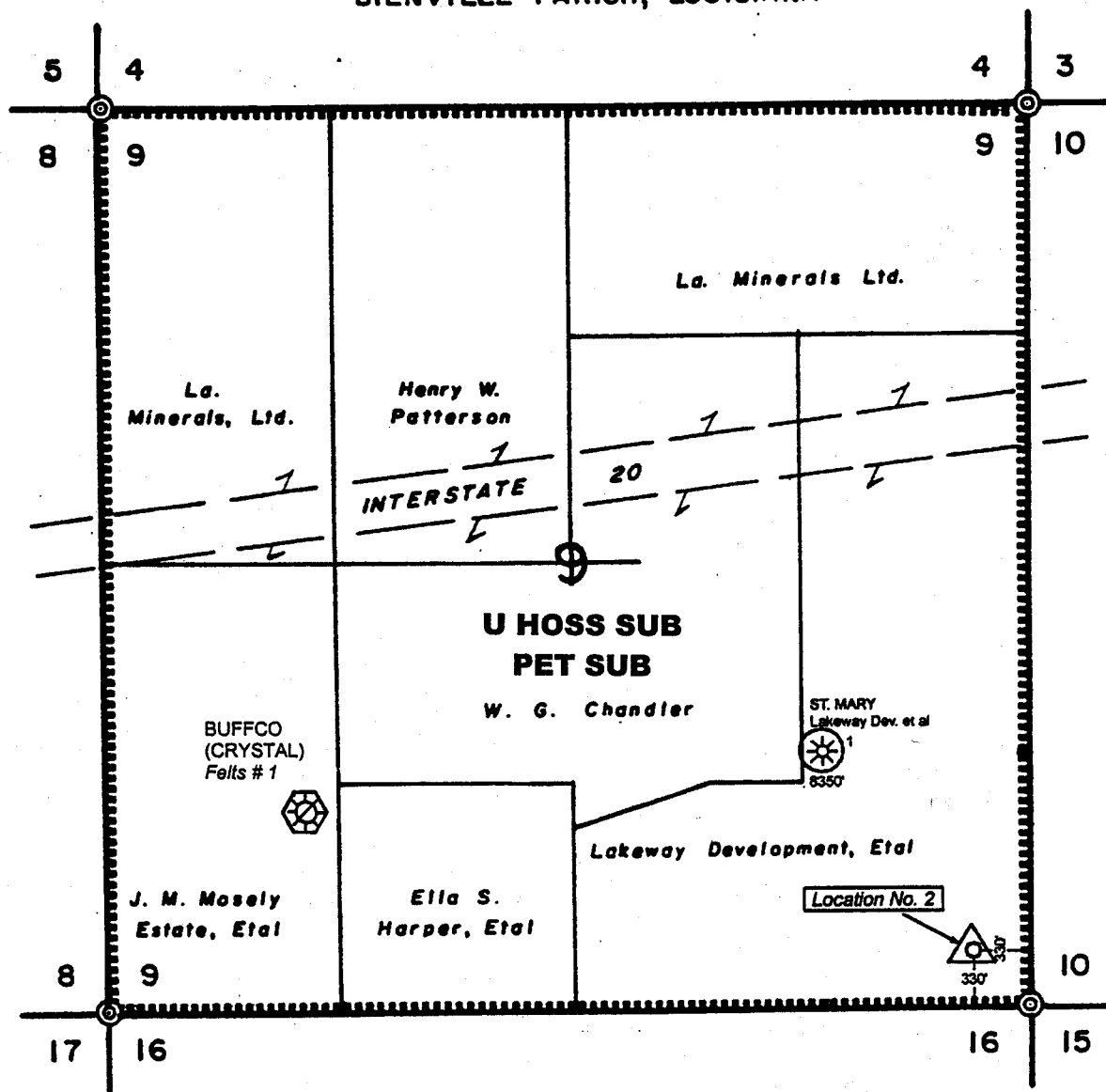
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


B. F. Anderson, PE for

ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY

cc: Mr. James Broussard, District Manager Shreveport District Office of Conservation
Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA



-  Former Unit Well U HOSS SUB
-  Substitute Unit Well, U HOSS SUB
-  Proposed Alternate Unit Well U HOSS SUB & PET SU B



Docket No: _____ Date: _____ Exhibit No: _____

ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO.

WEST ARCADIA FIELD
Bienville Parish, Louisiana

**PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
AT AN EXCEPTIONAL LOCATION
U HOSS SUB
&
PROPOSED UNIT WELL AT AN
EXCEPTIONAL LOCATION
PET SUB**